

Old Stone House
3015 M Street
Georgetown, D. C.

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District No. 10

ADDENDUM
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey
Major H. Brooks Price, District Officer
1316 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C.

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~~3015~~ OLD STONE HOUSE
M Street, NW, Georgetown
Washington
District of Columbia

Owner: Not given.

Date of Erection: 1764-67.

Architect: No record.

Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Stone.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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According to the land records of Maryland and the records of old Georgetown, the earliest owner of this property, lot 3, after the formation of the town in 1757, was John Boone, to whom the town commissioners allotted said property on June 11, 1762. Among the later owners prior to the American Revolution were Christopher Leyhman, and Cassandra Chew.

Until recently the belief was that General George Washington used this interesting old stone house for his headquarters while surveying Washington in 1791. When, however, a bill was introduced in Congress some time ago providing for the purchase by the Government of the building as a museum, the bill was referred to the Citizen's Advisory Council for report. Dr. George H. Richardson, a member of the council, investigated the authenticity of the use of the building by Washington, and reported that the tradition could not be sufficiently substantiated to justify approval of the bill.

In addition to the rumor connecting George Washington with this old house, there have been many other legends. One writer claims that it required a combination of three different records before the true solution of the "secret" was reached, the nature of which will not be disclosed until the publication of her book.

Reference: DAR. Magazine, Vol. 66--No. 7, July '32, Art.
by Bessie Wilman^{RTH} Gahn, ^{D.C.} Washington Post, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1929.
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Street House in Art.: a "Mystery House in Alexandria".

Author: Major H. Brooks Price, District Officer

by *Wm. M. Rittenhouse*

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Addendum to
Old Stone House (Christopher Layhman House)
3051 M Street, NW
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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Old Stone House ADDENDUM			HABS NO. DC-10-2-
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Christopher Layhman House			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 3051 M Street, NW			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1765		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of oldest buildings in the District of Columbia.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Rear wing added by 1775. After 1800, ground floor used as a shop. Restored 1958-1959 by the National Park Service.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Used as historic house museum.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> Category II District of Columbia Landmark			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Druscilla J. Null, HABS			DATE 7/8/83